which regulates the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution received by associations having definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programmes. Associations found violating the provisions of the Act are inspected and after conducting detailed inquiry are placed either in prohibited or prior permission category for accepting foreign contribution in contravention of the provisions under law. There is no concept of blacklisting an NGO under this law.

The list of associations placed under prohibited/prior permission category is available on the Ministry of Home Affairs' web-site htt.:/www.mha.nic.in/fore.htm.

Action plan for naxal violence in Bihar

†2617. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar Government has sent any action plan to the Central Government to tackle the naxal violence;

(b) the salient features of this action plan; and

(c) the view of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Govt. of Bihar submitted proposal for a special package amounting to Rs. 23,371 crores to deal with the naxal problem from both development and security aspects. The State Government has been asked to recast the proposal in a comprehensive and realistic manner. While doing so, the State Govt. should pool in funds under the existing schemes and identify gaps for some additional funds to be met under the State Plan and schemes like BDI and the proposed Backward Regions Grant Fund.

Help of Army to Combat Naxalism

†2618. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to take help from army in order to tackle the problem caused by naxalites in naxal affected States;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that naxalites possess such sophisticated weapons that are not available even with the police force of naxal affected States;

(d) if so, whether Government are taking any action for modernization of policy force in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration to involve army in tackling the naxalite menace.

(c) to (e) Naxal groups are reported to have modern weapons. The Central Government provides funds to the States including the naxal affected States under the Police Modernization Scheme to modernize their police forces in terms of modern weaponry, latest communication equipment, mobility and other infrastructure. In the last 4 years (2002-03 to 2005-06), Rs. 1513.11 crores have been given under this Scheme to the nine States badly affected by naxalism.

Dual citizenship

2619. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how far it is a fact that Government have decided to confer dual citizenship;

(b) if so, the number of persons expected to be conferred dual citizenship; and

(c) what are the criteria taken consideration for offering dual citizenship to a person?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Scheme, commonly known as dual citizenship, has been made operational from 02.12.2005.

(b) No such estimates are available. However, it is expected that large number of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) will avail registration under the Scheme.